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Dear Jim:

Without apology -- let us declare a moratorium on apologies -- I, too, am sorry that we did not get together again during June, which was in fact quite a crowded month for me.

I am hoping to spend several weeks in Washington again in the fall, and shall look forward to getting together with you and Garthoff then.

Perhaps your problem of characterizing the Russians in your paper would be served as describing them as "opportunistic," with the implication that situations which offered them the possibility of territorial gains, but at the risk of significant conflict, have not attracted them as "opportunities." Incidentally, I have recently read an old paper by you on NATO problems, in a symposium on Challenge to National Security. It still reads extremely well, and I shall try to send you some comments on it later; much of my time in Washington and since has been spent on NATO matters.

Yours,

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